



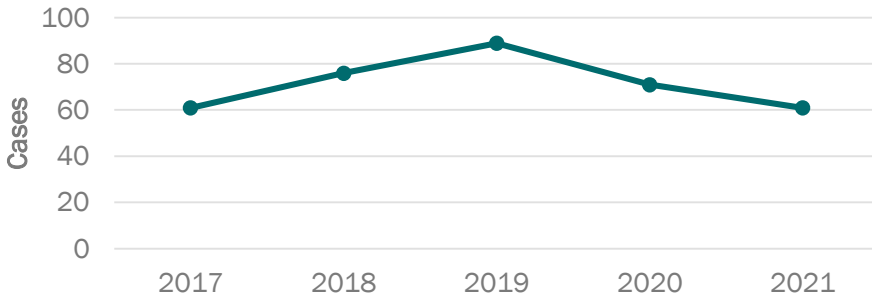
Animal Rabies

Maine Surveillance Report | 2021

Case Information:

61 Animals tested positive at HETL

14% Decrease from 2020

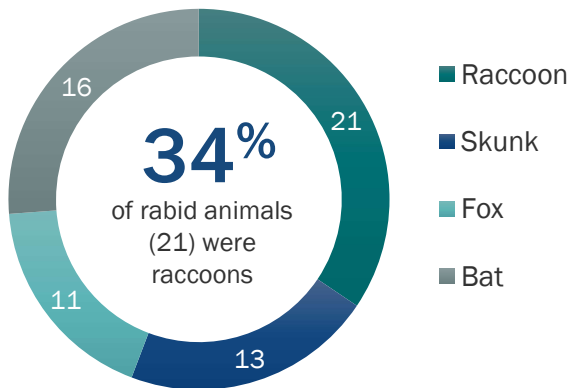


Animals Tested in 2021:

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| Bats | Horses |
| Canada lynx | Muskrats |
| Cats | Pigs |
| Cows | Raccoons |
| Coyotes | Rats |
| Dogs | Sheep |
| Fishers | Skunks |
| Foxes | Weasels |
| Goats | Woodchucks |



Reported Rabid Animals:



In Maine, lab-confirmed rabid animals were involved* in:

40 domestic animal exposures

13 human exposures

3 domestic animal & human exposures

*Five animals were not involved in any exposures

Laboratory:

548

animals submitted to HETL for testing

237

animals submitted July to September (43% of total)

132

animals submitted in August (24% of total)

524

animals tested

463

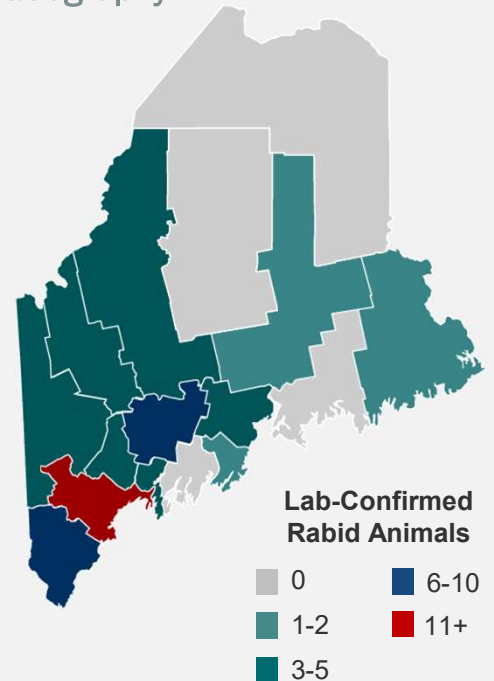
negative results

24

animals not tested*

* Reasons include improper packaging, delays in shipment, contamination of the specimen, questionable exposures, etc.

Geography:



Trends:

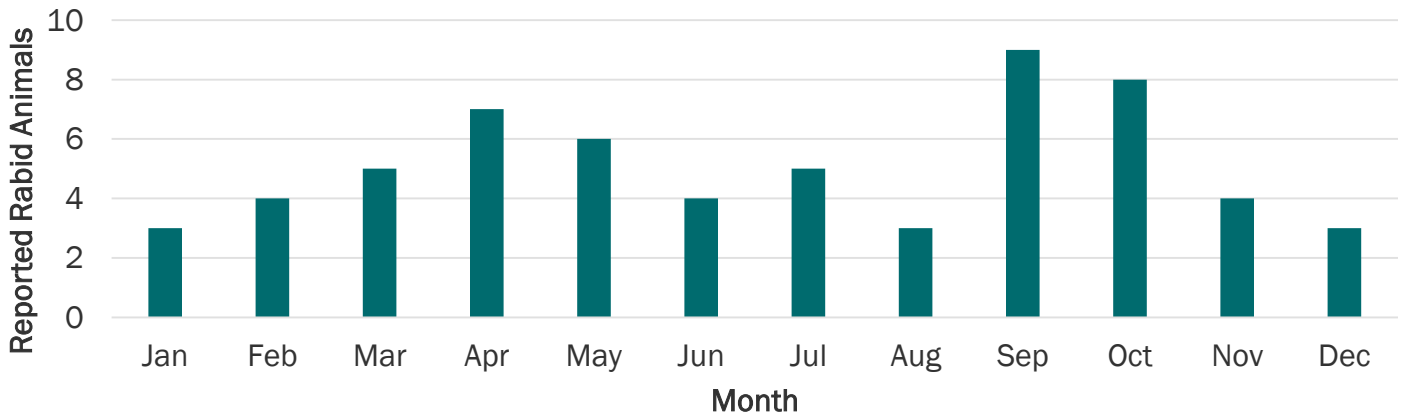
- Total reported cases decreased compared to the previous year.
- Cases reported in 12 out of 16 counties.
- Highest number (19) of rabid animals from Cumberland County.

For more information visit:
www.maine.gov/dhhs/rabies
www.cdc.gov/rabies





Monthly Distribution of Rabid Animals:



Human Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP):

101

Maine residents received rabies PEP

▼ 29% decrease from 2020

6

Out-of-state residents received rabies PEP

10%

Patients were previously vaccinated for rabies

Demographics:

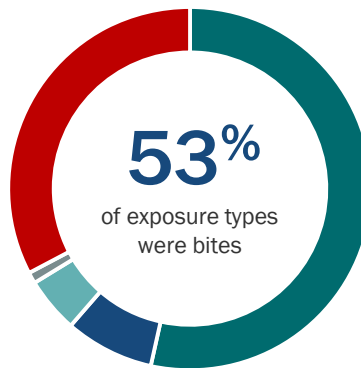


52% of patients were female

Median age of 38
Age range of 7 months-95 years

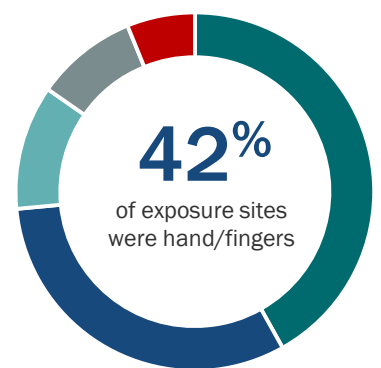
89% of patients were White
(8% race unknown)

Exposure Types



- Bite
- Scratch
- Mucous
- Other
- Possible bat

Exposure Sites



- Hand/Finger
- Other
- Leg
- Multiple sites
- Trunk

Prevention:

Keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs, cats, and ferrets

Feed pets indoors and keep garbage cans and other food sources tightly secured

Avoid contact with wildlife or any animals you do not know

After an animal exposure:

- Clean all wounds with soap and water for 15 minutes
- Call your local Animal Control Officer or Game Warden
- For **human** exposures, contact a healthcare provider
- For **pet & livestock** exposures, contact a veterinarian